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1. The DONBAS class vessels now being built at Gdansk (Danzig) are fitted with boilers and engines built in Poland. The engines are fitted with exhaust turbines built at Elblag (Elbing). The engines are of 2,100 hp, and the turbines develop 400 bhp. One of the vessels of this class, which is nearing completion, will be fitted with a Stork engine salvaged from the WARSZAWA. Experts' opinion about this class of vessel is that the hulls are well-built but that the engines are a bit clumsy. 25X1

2. The building of SOLDEK class vessels has been stopped, at least for the time being, as there are "no clients for export". Recent orders for spare parts could not be fulfilled, the answer being that the machinery which was producing these has now been allocated to other production.

3. The building of LEWANT class ships has also been discontinued but negotiations are at present in progress for the building of this class of vessels for the USSR.

4. The keel of the only 10,000 tdw vessel being built at Gdansk is now ready. This vessel will be fitted with Fiat engines of the most modern type, developing 8,500 bhp, and it is hoped that she will have a speed of between 18 and 19 knots. 25X1

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